

## **KSP Honors Officers for Excellence in Highway Safety**

Justice Cabinet Secretary J. Michael Brown and KSP Commissioner Rodney Brewer presented the awards in a ceremony held at KSP headquarters on February 25, 2010.

“Traffic enforcement is paramount to this agency and has a direct impact on making highways safer for motorists. The individuals receiving awards today are to be commended for the lives they have helped to save,” said Brewer.

Tpr. Richard Ellis, a four-year veteran from Post 5 in Campbellsburg, received awards in two categories: speed and occupant protection citations. He wrote 2,001 speed and 469 occupant protection citations in 2009.

Tpr. Steve Smallwood, a four-year veteran from Post 11 in London, received an award for the highest number of DUI arrests in 2009. He made 161 DUI arrests in his patrol area.

Tpr. Dean Patterson, a nine-year veteran from Post 1 in Mayfield, received an award for education by hosting 490 community education events relative to highway safety issues.

The KSP Commercial Vehicle Enforcement (CVE) division awards were based on the number of safety inspections administered, percentage of commercial motor vehicles (CMV) deemed out of service as a result of inspections and total number of CMV citations.

Officer Michael Simpson, a six-year veteran from Region 3, received an award for highest number of CMV citations by a sworn officer. Simpson issued 1,905 CMV citations for 2009. He also received an award for total number of CMV safety inspections accounting for 2,020 total inspections.

Officer Glenn Perry, a four-year veteran from Region 2, received an award for highest percentage of CMV ‘Out of Service’ inspections for driver and vehicle. Perry posted an out of service percentage of 83.7 percent for the 2009 year.

Inspector William Williams, an eight-year veteran from Region 5, received an award for highest percentage of CMV ‘Out of Service’ inspections by a civilian employee for driver and vehicle. Williams received an out of service percentage of 45.1 percent for the 2009 year.

“We have a group of officers who go beyond what is normally expected of them and we want to show them how much we appreciate what they do. Their efforts have a direct correlation with the reduction in highway deaths in Kentucky. They make a colossal contribution to keeping roadways safer throughout the state,” said Commissioner Brewer.

“The men and women who serve this agency every day by patrolling our roadways made an incredible impact in 2009. Statewide, KSP troopers and CVE officers wrote 85,609 speed citations; 39,001 seat belt/restraint citations; 45,259 CMV citations; made 7,455 DUI arrests and provided local communities with 5,643 educational programs pertaining to highway safety. All of these officers are to be commended,” added Brewer.